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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Xuehai Ye et al.
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For: Gene Transfer Into Renal Glomerular Cells

GAU: 1614
Examiner: J. Eric Angell
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Sir:

This paper is applicants' response to an Advisory Action dated 10/01/2003, but received by the undersigned after 10/03/2003.

In the claims:

Please cancel non-elected claim 17.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. All claims stand rejected under 101 and 101/112 grounds. The applicants request reconsideration of the Advisory Action in the light of the following information.

Claim 17 has now been canceled.

The Advisory Action states that the state-of-the art references submitted on 08/19/2003 are being placed in the file but not considered on the grounds that an after final IDS fee had not been paid (37 CFR1.97(d)) nor had a statement under